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Train Seized in The Netherlands by South Moluccan Terrorists

On 2 December a group of heavily armed South Moluccans seized control of a train in The Netherlands, shot two passengers and wounded the engineer, according to press reports. The terrorists then threw the two passengers' bodies off the train. The train, with approximately 130 passengers aboard, was enroute from Amsterdam to Groningen when the terrorists attacked it. They have released two women and a child since seizing the train but are holding the remaining passengers hostage. According to a police spokesman, the terrorists sent the police a series of demands, via the two freed women, as conditions for the release of the remaining hostages, but the spokesman said the demands could not be disclosed. It does appear however that the South Moluccan terrorists are demanding to be flown out of The Netherlands.

There are about 40,000 exiled South Moluccans from Indonesia living in The Netherlands, and they have become increasingly violent in the last year in an attempt to win support for their cause of independence for South Molucca from Indonesia. (The Moluccas are a group of islands around Ambon in East Indonesia, whose inhabitants have always been close to the Dutch since the colonial days of the Dutch East Indies.) In December 1974 approximately 500 South Moluccans fire-bombed The Hague Peace Palace. In April 1975 Dutch authorities arrested 10 South Moluccan terrorists who admitted they planned to kidnap Queen Juliana and members of her family. (See the issues of 30 December 1974, page A-3, and 8 April 1975.) (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Bombing at Dublin Airport

Two U.S. citizens were slightly injured on 29 November when two bombs exploded at Dublin Airport. One airport employee was killed and five employees and travelers were injured. No political group has taken credit for the bombing, and the Irish Republican Army is not believed responsible. There is speculation that the explosions were a reprisal for the supposed IRA killing last week of a prominent English antiterrorist writer, or that they resulted from a factional feud within a Protestant loyalist group. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Attempt to Kidnap Indian High Commissioner in Bangladesh

On 25 November six armed men attempted to abduct the Indian High Commissioner in Bangladesh as his car entered the commission compound in Dacca. A police officer stated that security guards killed four of the attackers and captured two. The commissioner reportedly received a minor wound. The Dacca press has described the attackers only as "miscreants," but the press in India said the Bangladesh authorities have identified them as members of the Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal--a radical leftist opposition group. The Indian press was highly critical of the incident and accused the Bangladesh government of whipping up anti-Indian propaganda and encouraging anti-Indian activists. (UNCLASSIFIED)

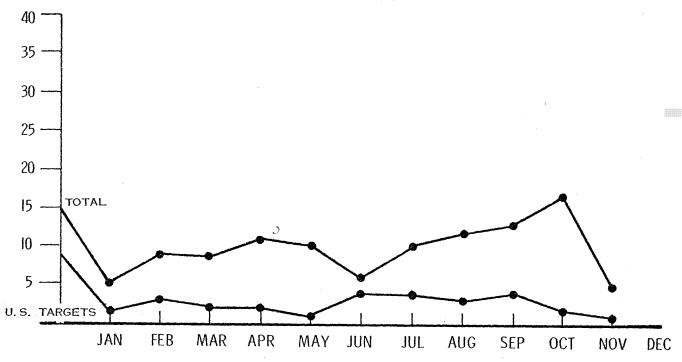
Criminal Activity Behind Hijacking of Chartered Plane to Mexico

On 24 November a two-engine plane belonging to California Air Charter was hijacked over Phoenix, Arizona while on a flight from Palomar, California to Dallas, Texas. The man who chartered the plane, allegedly to transport musical instruments, pulled a gun on the pilot and forced him to fly to Mexico. The plane landed on a Mexican beach and became mired in the mud. The hijacker was met by about 15 accomplices who removed the cargo--which turned out to be guns. After failing to release the plane from the mud, they set it on fire and destroyed it. The hijacker and his associates escaped, and the pilot reported to the U.S. Consul in Mazatlan. According to the pilot, the hijackers had intended to load the plane with marijuana which they had waiting on a truck. (UNCLASSIFIED)

TAB A—Chronology of Significant International Terrorist Acts

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INCIDENCE OF SIGNIFICANT INTERNATIONAL TERRORIST ACT'S AS LISTED IN WEEKLY SITUATION REPORTS—1975



NOTE: THIS GRAPH DOES NOT NECESSARILY REFLECT ALL INCIDENTS RECORDED IN TAB A DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD, AS INCIDENTS WHICH LATER PROVE NOT TO HAVE SIGNIFICANT INTERNATIONAL SCOPE ARE OMITTED FROM THE MONTHLY TOTAL.

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CHRONOLOGY OF SIGNIFICANT INTERNATIONAL TERRORIST ACTS

Date:

28 November 1975

Place:

Mexico,

Mexico City

Cuban Ambassador's Car Bombed
The front end of the Cuban Ambassador's car was demolished by a bomb that exploded when the chauffeur started the car.
The chauffeur was not injured.
Mexican authorities believe an anti-Castro Cuban exile group is responsible. (See Articles.)

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Date:

29 November 1975

Place:

Mexico,

Mexico City

Soviet Embassy Bombed

A bomb exploded outside

A bomb exploded outside the entrance of an office in the Soviet Embassy, causing property damage but no injuries. Mexican authorities believe an anti-Castro Cuban exile group is responsible, same group that placed a bomb in the Cuban Ambassador's car in Mexico City on 28 November. (See Articles.)

Date:

2 December 1975

Place:

The Netherlands,

Beilen

Train Seized by South Moluccans
A Dutch train traveling from
Amsterdam to Groningen was

seized by a group of armed South Moluccan extremists. Two passengers were reportedly shot, and the engineer was wounded. A list of demands was sent to the police via two passengers. About 130 people are being held hostage. The terrorists are demanding a plane to take them out of The Netherlands. (See Articles.)

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No terrorist threats worldwide were reported during 26 November - 2 December 1975

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Bomb Explodes in Suitcase at Karachi Airport

An explosion took place in the baggage room of the international airport at Karachi, Pakistan on 30 November. Several airport employees were injured but there were no deaths. Property damage was extensive. According to Karachi press stories, apparently based on police statements, the bomb was in a suitcase believed to belong to a man who was scheduled to fly by Gulf Air to Muscat. His name, which appears Arabic, has not been verified. He checked his suitcase but did not board the plane. When boarding passengers were asked to identify their luggage, one suitcase was left. The pilot refused to take it on board, and after some argument and delay the airport security staff put the suitcase in the lost property office where it subsequently exploded.

It is not clear whether the intended target was the Karachi airport, the plane, or some installation in Muscat. Pakistani police believe the suspect is still in Pakistan. Airport security measures have been strengthened. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Date:

4 December 1975

Place:

The Netherlands,

Amsterdam

Indonesian Consulate Seized
The Indonesian Consulate in
Amsterdam was seized on 4 December by South Moluccan
extremists. A number of
children among the hostages
have been released. However,
about 27 adults are still
being held. (See Articles.)
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Date:

8 December 1975

Place:

Argentina, Buenos Aires Mexican Consulate Bombed
A bomb exploded at the Mexican
Consulate in Buenos Aires on
8 December, causing property
damage. No one was injured.
A caller to the Associated
Press said the bomb was "repudiation against that traitor
Luis Echeverria (Mexican President) who embraced Fidel
Castro." Cuban exiles probably were responsible for the
bombing. (UNCLASSIFIED)

TAB B—Terrorists Threats and Plans

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VI. Terrorist Threats and Plans: Worldwide

No terrorist threats worldwide were reported during 3-9 December 1975

Targets

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Date:

10 December 1975

Place:

France, Paris

Portuguese Embassy Bombed
A bomb exploded outside the
main entrance to the Portuguese
Embassy in Paris on 10 December, causing extensive property
damage. No one was injured.
Pamphlets found at the scene
identified the rightist
"Portuguese Liberation Army"
as being responsible. (UNCLAS-

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V. Far East

VI. Worldwide

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Surrender of Moluccans Holding Indonesian Consulate in Amsterdam

On 19 December seven South Moluccan gunmen released their 25 hostages and gave themselves up to the Dutch authorities, thus ending a 16-day siege at the Indonesian consulate in

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Amsterdam. The release of the hostages was due to the efforts of Johan Alvares Manusama, president of the self-proclaimed Republic of South Molucca, and Pastor Semeul Metiary. Manusama was also instrumental in the 14 December release of the hostages held on a train. (See the 16 December issue.) The Dutch government throughout the siege refused to give in to any of the Moluccan demands, and to the end it maintained its policy of no concessions in the face of terrorist blackmail. (UN-CLASSIFIED)

Attempted Bombing of Dominican Tourist Office in New York

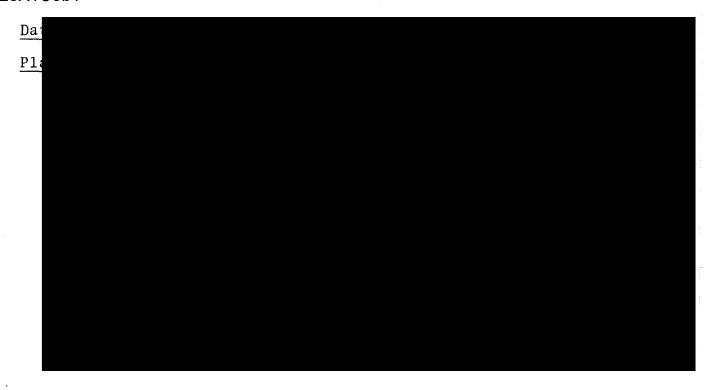
On 15 December New York City police discovered an unexploded pipe bomb outside the front door of the Dominican government tourist agency. A security guard at the nearby Rockefeller Center observed an unidentified person planting the bomb. The guard gave chase but was unable to apprehend the suspect. The bomb was described as a six by two-inch pipe bomb which contained a quantity of powder and an electric detonator. The bomb was wrapped in orchid paper. Later the same day, a similar bomb was discovered outside the offices of the Morgan Guarantee Trust Company.

An FBI investigation has determined that one Julio Perello, an unemployed laborer who is a Dominican citizen and whose physical description is similar to that of the bomber, was arrested in the vicinity on 13 December. Perello, who was apprehended for writing anti-Dominican government slogans on the subway wall, was later released by police on his own recognizance. It is not known if Perello has terrorist connections or if he is connected in any way with the bombing attempt. Thus far, no group has claimed credit for the attempt. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Date:

21 December 1975

Place:

Austria, Vienna

OPEC Ministers Meeting

Attacked

Six terrorists attacked the OPEC ministers meeting in Vienna on 21 December. Three people were shot and killed. At least eight persons were injured. Eleven oil ministers and numerous delegation members were initially taken hostage. Subsequently, the terrorists, with several ministers and other persons as hostages, were flown to Tripoli, Libya, on 22 December after refueling in Algeria. The attackers called themselves the "Arm of Arab Liberation." (See Articles.) (UNCLASSIFIED)

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